

Senate Resolution 1028

By: Senator Thompson of the 33rd

ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

To dedicate certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

PART I

WHEREAS, Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett, Jr., was born in Austell, Georgia, on New Year's Day in 1917; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Emory University School of Medicine, he followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather by attending to the medical needs of the citizens of Austell and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, while a student at Emory, he met Gladys Elliott, a young nurse from Henry County, and they fell in love and were married in June of 1941; and

WHEREAS, shortly after the marriage, Dr. Garrett served with the United States infantry in Europe during World War II, earning several decorations, including a Bronze Star for bravery while saving the life of a young soldier; and

WHEREAS, he returned to Austell after the war and joined his father's medical practice and was thereafter elected mayor, serving from 1948 through 1950 and 1958 through 1965; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of several civic organizations and served as president of the Austell Rotary Club, South Cobb High School PTA, and the Cobb Association of Retarded Citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garrett served with dedication at two area hospitals, Cobb General and Atlanta West, and it was due to his diligence and commitment that Atlanta West Hospital remained open to serve the South Cobb community; and

WHEREAS, he was a loving husband and father of three, Luke Glenn Garrett III of Austell, Patricia A. Wilder of Lithia Springs, and Glenna Lucille Garrett of Columbia, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garrett was widely known as a humanitarian who cared more about his patients than his fees and as a person who treated everyone equally and with great respect; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett, Jr., was a legend that has left us with an example of a life well lived in public and private service and it is only fitting that a highway should be named in his honor.

PART II

WHEREAS, James M. Cannon, Sr., served with dedication on the City Council of Leesburg, Georgia, for many years; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Board of Directors of First State Bank of Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, he was a sheriff's deputy for many years when he was a younger man in Lee County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, James M. Cannon, Sr., owned and operated a service station in the City of Leesburg for many years; and

WHEREAS, his family owned and operated a peanut mill in Leesburg for many years; and

WHEREAS, he was raised in Leesburg and lived in Leesburg his entire life; and

WHEREAS, the current U.S. Highway 19 Bypass is constructed on a portion of James M. Cannon, Sr.'s, father's farm; and

WHEREAS, James M. Cannon, Sr., was a dedicated family man, church man, councilman, businessman, and friend to the City of Leesburg and it is only fitting that the U.S. Highway 19 Bypass be named in his memory.

PART III

WHEREAS, Houston County is the host county to Robins Air Force Base and has a long and close relationship with and deep interest in the base's existence and expansion to become a key installation for the United States Air Force and Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, Robins Air Force Base not only attracts military and civilian workers to our county and area to live, but also over 16,708 veterans, with over 1,200 having served in World War II; and

WHEREAS, statistics show at least 1,800 World War II veterans die each day, causing our nation to lose living heroes and members of what has been referred to as The Greatest Generation on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, all Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women of our armed forces who risk their lives in the defense of freedom and to secure the blessings of liberty for this nation and other peoples of the world.

PART IV

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of SR 6 Spur, formerly known as Westside Drive, fronting the Norfolk Southern rail facility, in Cobb County, is dedicated as the Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett, Jr. Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Leesburg U.S. Highway 19 Bypass is dedicated as the James M. Cannon, Sr. Memorial Bypass.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of Georgia Highway 96 in Houston County is dedicated as the Veterans Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, to the family of Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett, Jr., and to the family of James M. Cannon, Sr.